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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0782

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, SN

SUBJ: ASEAN

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG TOLD DCM FEBRUARY 16 THAT ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT PATTAYA HAD STILL NOT SETTLED WHAT BALI SUMMIT WOULD AGREE TO ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT WHILE GOS RECOGNIZED THAT ASEAN SUMMIT WOULD NOT ACCEPT FREE TRADE AREA, IT FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT AFTER EIGHT YEARS ASEAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC THAN MERE GENERALITIES ABOUT PROMOTING CLOSER ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THEREFORE, AT SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING TO BE HELD IN JAKARTA FEBRUARY 18, GOS WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN FINAL DECLARATION CALLING FOR AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS, TARIFF REDUCTION IN CERTAIN AREAS, ETC. GOS STILL CONSIDERED IT POSSIBLE THAT INDONESIA MIGHT AGREE TO INCLUDE SOME SPECIFICS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN BALI DECLARATION.

2. TAN NOTED THAT MALAYSIAN DIFFICULTIES WITH PROPOSED TREATY OF AMITY WOULD ALSO PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED IN JAKARTA, BUT IT  
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WAS CLEAR FROM HIS COMMENTS AND GENERAL ATTITUDE THAT GOS DID

NOT INTEND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE. IN FIRST PLACE, GOS CONSIDERS TREATY OF AMITY TO BE RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT ("JUST MORE WORDS"), AND SECONDLY IT SEES LITTLE TO BE GAINED AND MUCH TO LOSE BY ALIENATING EITHER INDONESIA OR MALAYSIA ON AN ISSUE OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO SINGAPORE.

3. ON QUESTION OF ASEAN SECURITY COOPERATION, TAN OBSERVED THAT GOI WAS PEEVED BECAUSE IT OBTAINED VERY LITTLE FROM THE PATTAYA MEETING -- NOT EVEN THE "BARE BONES" OF WHAT IT WANTED.  
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